

105TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 1559

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## AN ACT

To provide for the design, construction, furnishing, and equipping of a Center for Historically Black Heritage within Florida A&M University.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. CONSTRUCTION OF A CENTER FOR REGIONAL**  
2 **BLACK CULTURE.**

3 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-  
4 ings:

5 (1) Currently 500,000 historically important ar-  
6 tifacts of the Civil War era and the early days of the  
7 civil rights movement in the Southeast region of the  
8 United States are housed at Florida A&M Univer-  
9 sity.

10 (2) To preserve this large repository of African-  
11 American history and artifacts it is appropriate that  
12 the Federal Government share in the cost of con-  
13 struction of this national repository for culture and  
14 history.

15 (b) DEFINITION.—In this section:

16 (1) CENTER.—The term “Center” means the  
17 Center for Historically Black Heritage at Florida  
18 A&M University.

19 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
20 the Secretary of Interior acting through the Director  
21 of the National Park Service.

22 (c) CONSTRUCTION OF CENTER.—The Secretary may  
23 award a grant to the State of Florida to pay for the Fed-  
24 eral share of the cost, design, construction, furnishing,  
25 and equipping of the Center at Florida A&M University.

26 (d) GRANT REQUIREMENTS.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—In order to receive a grant  
2           awarded under subsection (c), Florida A&M Univer-  
3           sity, shall submit to the Secretary a proposal.

4           (2) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share de-  
5           scribed in subsection (c) shall be 50 percent.

6           (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATION.—There is  
7           authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Interior  
8           to carry out this section a total of \$3,800,000 for fiscal  
9           year 1998 and any succeeding fiscal years. Funds appro-  
10          priated pursuant to the authority of the preceding sen-  
11          tence shall remain available until expanded.

Passed the Senate November 13, 1997.

Attest:

*Secretary.*

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